

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
STENY HOYER BECOMING LONG-
EST SERVING MARYLAND REP-
RESENTATIVE IN HISTORY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, more than 26 years ago, the voters of Maryland's 5th Congressional District demonstrated their great wisdom in electing STENY HOYER to represent them in Congress. As he has now become the longest-serving member of the House of Representatives in Maryland history, we recognize that their trust has never been misplaced, as STENY HOYER has been a tremendous leader for both his district and for the nation.

This week, STENY continues his history of record breaking: when he was just 27 years old, he was elected to the Maryland Senate, and then subsequently became its youngest ever President. But what sets STENY apart is not the length of his leadership, but the quality of it. On issues crucial to his district, such as standing up for federal employees and protecting the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay, STENY has been a stalwart leader. On issues crucial to all Americans, such as education, the minimum wage, the rights of the disabled, and civil rights, he has achieved great progress.

As House Majority Leader, he plays a crucial role in developing and passing our legislation for a new direction for America. He is a skilled legislator and consensusbuilder. He is respected by our colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his savvy, intellect, and integrity.

STENY and I first met more than 40 years ago as interns in the United States Senate. Over the years, it has been an honor to see him as more than just an immensely skilled Member of Congress, but as a loving husband, proud parent, and devoted grandparent and now great-grandparent. It is a personal privilege to call him my colleague and my friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UCSF
SCHOOL OF NURSING CENTENNIAL

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Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize the Centennial Nursing Celebration at the University of California, San Francisco and to honor the University of California at San Francisco School of Nursing, the achievements of its alumni and faculty, and the leadership of nurses at UCSF Medical Center.

Nursing at the University of California began in the spirit of renewal that rebuilt San Fran-

cisco after the great 1906 earthquake and fire. Less than a year later, in April of 1907, the University opened its first teaching hospital in San Francisco, along with its first nursing education program. In 1939, the Regents formerly established the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing—the Nation's first autonomous nursing school at a public university.

Today, the UCSF School of Nursing is consistently ranked among the top nursing schools in the world. UCSF developed the first master's and doctoral nursing programs in the western United States, and currently enrolls more than 600 students in these programs, making them among the largest in the Nation. The school's vision extends far beyond national borders, as exemplified by the scores of international students who come through its doors each year, and the UCSF World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Research and Clinical Training in Nursing.

Over the past century, UCSF has educated more than 10,000 nurses, many of whom have gone on to become health care leaders in California, throughout the country, and around the globe.

UCSF has also established itself as the Nation's preeminent nursing research institution. The school currently ranks first among nursing programs in research funding from the National Institutes of Health. Eight faculty members have been inducted into the Institute of Medicine, a larger number than at any other nursing school. UCSF continues to be on the cutting edge of nursing science—from heart disease and cancer, to pain management and healthy aging.

At UCSF Medical Center and the hospitals and clinics served by UCSF, nurses lead innovations in patient care, translational research, hospital safety, and support for patients and families coping with illness. Beyond the campus, UCSF provides care through a wide range of programs targeting at-risk and underserved populations.

As UCSF celebrates a century of excellence in nursing education, research, and patient care, I urge my colleagues to join me on this auspicious occasion by thanking UCSF nurses for all they have done and continue to do to improve the health care of San Franciscans, of Californians, and of people around the world.

RECOGNIZING MITCHEL WAYNE
BUSH FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK
OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mitchel Wayne Bush, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts

of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mitchel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mitchel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mitchel Wayne Bush for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Mitchel in the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD ROBINSON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a minute to pay tribute to a friend and staff member who will be leaving my employment soon. His name is Richard Robinson, my Chief of Staff. He is a man possessing great loyalty and integrity.

I first met Richard when he interned for me when I was a State Senator in California. In 1991, he graduated from California Polytechnic State University and came to work for me as a full-time paid employee. It quickly became clear that Richard was a resourceful man whom I could count on for hard work, concise communication and keen strategic thinking. In January, 1991, I was elected to the United States House of Representatives, and I brought Richard with me to my Congressional office as a Field Representative.

In 1994, he married Jennifer Michele Edwards, and today they are the parents of three beautiful girls: Allison, Taylor and Lauryn. Richard is a wonderful father and dedicated husband, and I can understand why, after sixteen years of intense work for me, he has chosen to look to a new career path that may afford him a more predictable and flexible work schedule. Richard will be sorely missed, but knowing Jennifer and the children as I do, I can understand his decision.

I also know Richard to have a big heart. He was a night shift volunteer at the University of California Davis emergency room in 1999; he was a youth pastor of a high school Christian group from 1998 to 2003; and he was Director of Habitat for Humanity's Youth Build program in 1999.

In 2002, Richard graduated from Stanford University, ranking first in his class, with a Master of Arts degree in Education. He also earned a California teaching credential at the same time. I can only imagine how difficult it was for him to attend school and raise a family, but I am not surprised that Richard was successful. His mother, Melinda, tells me that he began reading as early as three years of age and was elected class president in the

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